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December 2025

This Month Celebrates

❖ Hanukkah ❖ Kwanzaah ❖ Christmas ❖ New Year's Eve

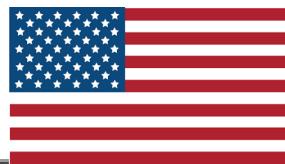
In The Estates of Fort Lauderdale

- ❖ Please Note: the golf course is temporarily closed due to work by FPL
- ❖ Monday, December 1—Community Club @ 7:00 pm
- ❖ Thursday December 4—BINGO! Doors open at 5:30 pm
- ❖ Saturday, December 6—Women's Club Annual Holiday Bazaar 8 am—5 pm
- ❖ Tuesday, December 9—Women's Club Meeting, @ 11:30 am
- ❖ Sunday, December 14—Holiday Parade, Line up at 5:30 pm
- ❖ Sunday, December 14—Hanukkah Begins at sundown—ends Monday December 22
- ❖ Monday—Wednesday, Dec 15—17 Holiday Light Judging
- ❖ Wednesday, December 17—POA Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- ❖ Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day
- ❖ Friday, December 26—Kwanzaah begins—ends January 1
- ❖ Wednesday, December 31—New Years Eve—Community Club Event
- ❖ starts at 7:00 pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Community Club Meeting—7pm	2	3	4 Doors Open 5:30  BINGO 4 8 37 17 8 3 51 67 3 40 41 72 12 32 57 65	5 <i>Somalia Campaign Began (1992)</i>	6 
7  <i>(small image)</i> NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY	8 <i>War Declared on Japan (1941)</i>	9 Women's Club 11:30 am	10 <i>HUMAN RIGHTS DAY</i>	11 <i>Germany and Italy Declared War on U.S. (1941)</i>	12	13
14  HANUKKAH BEGINS	15  BILL OF RIGHTS DAY	16	17  POA Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19	20  <i>Panama Campaign Began (1989)</i> U.S. Space Force Established (2019)
21 <i>WINTER BEGINS</i>	22	23	24	25  CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27  KWANZAA
28	29	30	31  HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE	NOVEMBER 2025 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 2026 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	

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Hi friends!

Well! We had such a great turnout for our Halloween party! I can't wait to start enjoying more dancing and karaoke now that we're approved to get a much needed Music system!

December is going to be super busy! Make sure to keep a lookout in the mailroom and on Facebook @ community club estates of Ft. Lauderdale members and friends ! Please sign up for all the fun events that are coming up. We're trying a lot of really new things in order to keep the prices of events low so we attract new people.

This year's New Year's party is going to be really fun a DJ and Karaoke. . So please sign up for that. We have discounted pricing for 5 or more family members !!

Hope to see you all there!!!

Natalie



EVENTS

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⇒ **Pickle Ball—Weekday mornings**

⇒ **Tennis—as usual**

Dania Beach City Hall (check hours of operation)

- ⇒ **City Commissioners Meeting - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month open to the public and also on Comcast ch. 78 @7pm**
- ⇒ **C.O.P. Meeting (City Hall) - Second Thursday of each month @ 5pm**



December, 2025

Greetings Ladies!

Wow! Another amazing turnout for the November Thanksgiving Luncheon. The turkey, stuffing and gravy was donated by the Club and all sides and desserts were provided by our members. Each year I am amazed and delighted by the delicious dishes that come in. This year was no exception!! The dessert table was fabulous! Thanks to each and every one of you. Well done! Lise LaRochelle was the Lucky Duck winner of the 50/50 and door prizes were won by Carol Rodanski, Staci Powell and Lisa Thompson. We welcomed Tracy Krog. She and her husband are very new to our community. Welcome Aboard!

The Annual Bazaar and Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec 6 th starting at 8:00 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Women's Club and is one of our primary fundraisers. We desperately need helpers and baked items for the bake table.

Ideally, we are asking for donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes, and loaf cakes. Cakes and pies too! If you can donate, please let us know what you will bring. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the mail room. All baked goods can be dropped off the day of the Show or on Friday Dec 5 th in the Card Room between 11:00 – 2:00. As usual the Card Room will feature a Boutique of gently used small appliances, men's and women's clothing, shoes, jewelry and household items. Look around your house and if you have something to donate the items can be dropped off in the Card Room on Friday or Saturday. There will be many talented vendors offering lots of goodies. Any questions please call me 443-496-1237, Caroll Younghans 732-691-5943 or Lisa Thompson 570-881-9087.

Our Christmas Luncheon is at Rodizio Grill Brazilian Steakhouse at 11:30 a.m on December 11 th . Please watch your email for additional information regarding the Luncheon, costs, carpooling, etc... A sign-up sheet is in the mailroom.

Please remember, Any woman who has reached the age of 18 and is a registered resident of the Estates of Fort Lauderdale is eligible for membership. COME AND JOIN OUR FUN BUNCH OF LADIES!!!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

Suzi Ford, President

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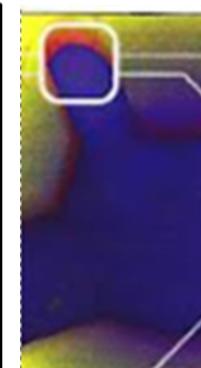
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Hello fellow homeowners,

Happy Holidays to all!!!

Hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful weather. Our welcome New homeowners party will be December 17@6pm in the Monte Carlo room followed by the POA meeting at 7 pm.

We will have nominations for the board on this day. Anyone wanting to nominate themselves or someone else can do so then. Please keep in mind this is a volunteer position but keeps you very busy. We are looking forward to new people to running.

Please be mindful of the rules we have. I don't want to keep saying this but we still have numerous cars on lawns and unregistered guests. We only want everyone to comply to the same rules.

Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Hanukah and a very Happy New Year!!!!
Here's to a beautiful 2026!!!

Thank you and God Bless,

Lisa Thompson POA President



November Meeting
(Left) Our new attorney
(Right) Some of Dania Beach's Finest
(Below) Our POA Board of Director's





CITIZENS Observation PATROL



Welcome back. We are pleased to see everyone.

Christmas and Hanukkah are close at hand. Please keep your head up and eyes open. This is the busiest season for criminals. The Broward County Sheriffs office recommends that you keep your outside lights on at night. If the thief has a choice of a dark house or a lit up one, they will go to the dark house.

If you need, call 911 or the non emergency number 954-764-4357.

CRIME REPORT: Crime continues to evolve into electronic theft. The latest is that individuals drive up and down streets with a device that detects your key fob which most keep right inside their entrance way. Once they detect the signal, they can then clone it and steal your car or truck. **THERE IS A FIX!** First, keep your key fob in the back of the house. But, there is a preventive fix. You can purchase A FARADAY BAG OR FARADAY BOX... Both are available on Amazon. You can just slide your key fob inside the bag or box and it prevents it from being cloned.

Remember, the ORS, Medicare, Social Security Bank or any other agency will not call you for your personal details. If you are not sure, ask for a name phone number and say you will call them back. Then, you call the agency yourself and see if it is legit. It will never be legit. Remember that!

Next, as you holiday shop. Never, never, never leave anything in plain sight in your vehicle.

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Leslie Kevles, Captain
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December 2—Daphne Gilbert

December 3—Traian Triff

December 22—Jean-Pierre Leonard

December 25—Carol Cappucio



December 25—Gil & Elaine Horvitz



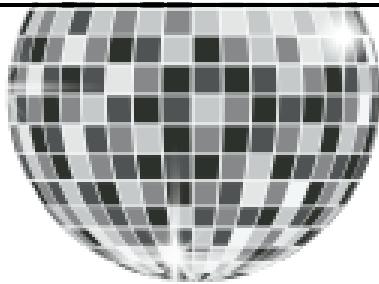
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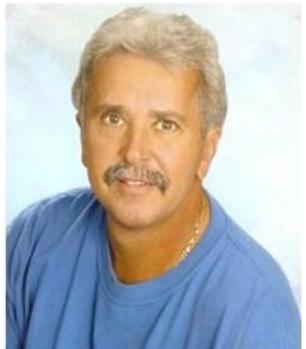
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Schedule of Activities 2025 - 2026

Annual Meeting & Elections: Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 3:00pm in the Monte Carlo

Leagues:						
From November 25 2025 through February 27, 2026 as follows:						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aquatics - Nov 17	08:30		08:30		08:30	
Golf - Nov 18					08:30	
Shuffleboard - Nov 17	09:00	Barn & 7pm		Jan 09 00	09:00	
Pétanque - Nov 20				Barn & 7pm		
Pickleball - Nov 18		08:30		08:30		08:30
Bowling - Nov 25	7:00pm					

Please be there 20 minutes prior to the scheduled activity

Tournaments:			Registration from 8:30 to 8:50	\$5 each
	1	2	3	
Baseball Bean Bag Toss	Nov 19	Jan 26		
Golf	Nov 26	Dec 17	Feb 4 *	* Hot Dog Dinner
Shuffleboard	Dec 3	Jan 7	Feb 11	
Pétanque	Dec 10	Jan 21	Feb 18	
Pickleball	Dec 14	Feb 25		
Bowling	Jan 14			

Leagues and tournaments are for ACA members only. Membership (\$5) Monday pm on the patio

Leagues and tournaments are paused from Dec 25 to Jan 2 inclusively

POA Elections January 21, 2026

Social Activities				
Welcome Dinner and Dance	Friday	Nov 25		
Christmas Dinner and Dance	Thursday	Dec 25		
New Year's Cocktail	Thursday	Jan 1	8 pm to 8 pm	Non-member: \$5
Dinner and Dance January	Saturday	Jan 17		
Valentine Dinner and Dance	Saturday	Feb 17		
Brunch	Sunday	March 1	9:30 or 11:00	
End of Season for Leagues Cocktail	Tuesday	March 6	8 pm to 8 pm	
Dinner and Dance End of season	Saturday	March 10		Non-member: \$5

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Sports Weeks:		March 2 to March 13	
Pétanque	Monday	March 5	
Golf (Green)	Wed.	March 6	
Baseball Bean Bag Toss	Friday	March 8	
Shuffleboard	Monday	March 12	
Olympics	Wed.	March 13	
Bowling	Friday	March 13	



	Leader	Day	Time	Place	Start
Library	Agnes Gauthier				
Bridge	Ann Tremblay	Monday	1:00 PM	Mallu	Nov 17
Choir	Louisette Rose				
Cribbage	Peter Vaughan	Thursday	1:00 PM	Patro	Nov 20
English French Conversation	Peter Vaughan	Tuesday	1:00 PM	Patro	Nov 18
Whist	Jean-Louis Lorranger	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mallu	Nov 19
Yoga	Daphne Gilbert	Tues/Thurs.	9:00 AM	Monte Carlo	Nov 18

Association Canadienne Américaine

Canadian American Association



Bonjour à tous, et bien notre saison à très bien débuté, notre premier tournoi de Baseball Poches a été un beau succès, plusieurs d'entre nous sommes allés crier et jouer à ce fameux tournoi qui est toujours aussi populaire au sein de l'association. Nous avons vite suivi notre thème, Le bonheur est avec l'ACA. De plus notre première soirée dansante c'est très bien déroulée avec une bonne participation de nos membres. La majorité des ligues sont commencées sauf pour le Golf qui est toujours en réparation avec FPL. J'aimerais vous souhaitez de très belles fêtes, et que vous soyez entourés avec vos familles ou avec de bons amis, partagez- le plaisir.

Rene Gilbert
Présidente ACA

Hello everyone, our season is officially started. We had our first Baseball bean bag tournament and it was a great success. Lot of us came to scream, laugh and play hard for this very popular game. Our theme, happiness is with the ACA was well covered. Also we had our first dinner and dance in November, it was a huge sucess and well turned out. All of our leagues have started except for Golf because the FPL project is still on going. I would like to wish you all a very good holiday season with family and friends.

Rene Gilbert
ACA President



BINGO at Estates Clubhouse



please Note!

Thursday, December 4th

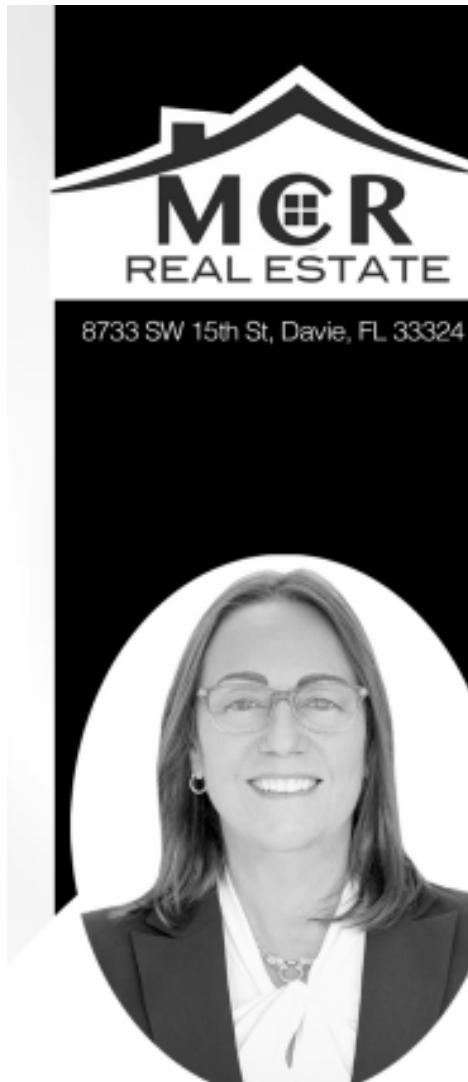
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December Observances & Fun Facts

The name December comes from the Latin word 'decem' meaning ten. On the Roman Calendar, December was the 10th month. However, Numa Pompilius adjusted the calendar when January and February were added. December became the twelfth month, and the calendar more accurately reflected the length of a year on Earth.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting—December 1 • World AIDS Day—December 1 • Cyber Monday—December 1 • St. Nicholas Day—December 6 • 2nd Sunday of Advent—December 7 • Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—December 7 • Winter Solstice—December 21 • New Year's Eve—December 31 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanukkah—December 14—22 (second celebration this year!) • Christmas—December 25 • Kwanza—December 26—January 1 • National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month • National Volunteers Month • National Maple Syrup Month
Birthstone	Tanzanite, Turquoise & Blue Zircon
Fruits and Veggies	Oranges, grapefruits and papays / the Winter Squash varieties
Flowers	The <i>Narcissus</i> flower means hope
Astrological Sign	Sagittarius: November 22 to December 20 Capricorn: December 21 to January 19
Birthdays	Jeff Bridges, Julianne Moore, Britney Spears, Ozzy Osbourne, Walt Disney

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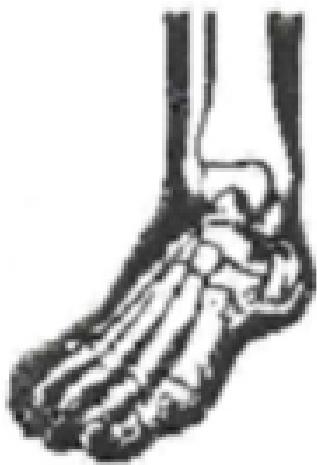
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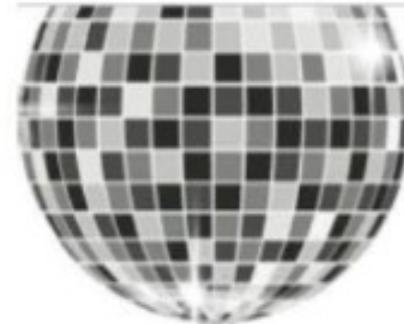
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3.2 Only the homeowner, Legal Assignee or a licensed real estate agent can rent any home in the Community to another person. No owner will be permitted to rent or lease his/her mobile home for the first Three (3) years of ownership. Homeowners are permitted to rent after the Three (3) year ownership to a person of their choice provided that a rental application form and required documents to include and not limited to; Lease Agreement, City of Dania Beach Business Tax Receipt be submitted to the office prior to renters moving in. A rental screening committee will screen/interview prospective lessees and purchasers and request their signature signifying that they have been informed and understand their obligations to uphold the Declaration of Covenants, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. [Such Renters must be registered in the Office by the homeowner at least one week before the renters take occupancy and the date of their departure must also be registered.] Rentals are permitted only with the homeowner's absence from the residence. Such rental shall be allowed only one time during a year by a homeowner from the date the rental agreement is signed. Any person occupying a residence for over Three (3) weeks will be considered a Renter. Renters cannot sublet the residence. The Association has a New Tenant Set-Up Fee of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for every rental or new owner. The One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) fee will be charged for every rental period, if renter is renting at a new location. When a renter rents for the season and returns the following year to the same location, a registration fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) will be required. Non-registered New homeowners or renters will be charged Two-Hundred (\$200.00), (A One-Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) Fine and the One-Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) Registration Fee.)

3.3 The rules and regulations for the Community Identification Card are as follows:

- a. A properly registered owner, family member of an owner or renter is permitted to bring up to six (6) guests to use the common area facilities by presenting their community identification card and a guest card issued by the Association.
- b. An unregistered guest of a home owner, family member of a home owner or renter is permitted to use the facilities up to 3(three) times before properly registering and being issued a community identification card.
- c. Guests seeking a community identification card must be accompanied to the office by a properly registered Homeowner.
- d. Children under 14 (fourteen) are not permitted to use the facilities without adult supervision. Children under 16 (sixteen) are not permitted to bring, or therefore be responsible for guests without adult supervision.

3.4 Each platted lot owner shall be held responsible for damage to the property of others, caused by him, his family, guests, invitees, servants or lessees. A platted lot owner or his approved lessee shall be liable and responsible for all damages sustained to property in the Community, including Community common areas caused by the platted lot owner or his lessee, or their contractors, employees or servants, whether such damages are caused by negligence, accident or otherwise. The platted lot owners shall also be responsible for the conduct of members of his family, guest or invitees in the Community and shall further be responsible to insure that such persons comply with all the applicable provisions of the foregoing Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions and of these Rules and Regulations, as well as, such other Rules and Regulations as shall be promulgated.



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In the midst of all upheaval, crisis, difficulty, problems, and fear comes the true message of Christmas with all of its hope, goodwill, and cheer. The message of Christmas has been terribly misapplied and misunderstood for many years. Some think of business profits, shopping, gifts, tinsel, toys, and celebration. Others think only of Bethlehem, of the star in the sky,

shepherds in the field, and angels singing. Still others cynically ask, "Where is this Prince of Peace in a world filled with so much trouble?"

The real Christmas message goes far deeper. It heralds the entrance of God into human history. It is Heaven descending to Earth. It is as though a trumpeter had taken his stand upon the turrets of time and announced to a despairing, hopeless, and frustrated world the coming of the Prince of Peace. It answers all the great questions that plague the human race at this hour. The Christmas message is relevant, revolutionary, and reassuring to us today. I believe it can be summed up in three words: a cradle, a cross, and a crown.

In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in G-d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G-d.

When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual purity.

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukkah.



The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. Each family celebrates Kwanzaa in its own way, but celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal. On each of the seven nights, the family gathers and a child lights one of the candles on the Kinara (candleholder), then one of the seven principles is discussed. The principles, called the Nguzo Saba (seven principles in Swahili) are values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-Americans. Kwanzaa also has seven basic symbols which represent values and concepts reflective of African culture. An African feast, called a Karamu, is held on December 31.



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